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The Lords and Commons assembled in PARLIAMENT;

For the utter demolishing, removing
and taking away of all

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Superstition or Idolatry,

Out of all the Churches and Chappells
within this Kingdom of ENGLAND,
and Dominion of WALES,

Before the First day of November, 1643.

Die Luna, 28 Augusti, 1643.

Ordered to be printed forthwith, and to be divulged and dispersed through the severall and respective Counties, Cities and Towns, by the severall and respective Knights and Burgeses;

H: Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

Printed for Edward Husbands, August 29.

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One of the Churches and Chapels

and in the Kingdom of Great Britain

and Dominion of Wales

and in the Kingdom of Ireland

and in the Kingdom of Scotland

and in the Kingdom of England

and in the Kingdom of Wales

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Die Luna , 28. Augusti. 1643.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in PARLIAMENT; For the utter Demolishing, removing, and taking away of all

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OF

Superstition or Idolatry.



He Lords and Commons in Parliament taking into their serious Considerations, how well pleasing it is to God, and conduceable to the blessed Reformation in his Worship, so much desired by both Houses of Parliament; That all Monuments of Superstition or Idolatry, should be removed and demolished; Do Ordain, that in all and every the Churches and Chappels, as well Cathedrall and Collegiate, as other Churches and Chappels, and other usuall places

of publicke Prayer, authorised by Law within this Realme of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, all Altars and Tables of stone, shall before the first day of *November* in the Yeer of our Lord God 1643. be utterly taken away and demollished; And also all Communion Tables removed from the East end of every such Church, Chappell, or place of publicke Prayer, and Chancell of the same, and shall be placed in some other fit and convenient place or places of the body of the said Church, Chappell, or other such place of publick Prayer, or of the body of the Chancell of every such Church, Chappell, or other such place of publick Prayer; And that all Rayles whatsoever, which have been erected neere to, before, or about any Altar, or Communion Table, in any of the said Churches or Chappells, or other such place of publick Prayer as aforesaid, shall before the said day belikewile taken away; And the Chancell ground of every such Church or Chappell, or other place of publick Prayer, which hath been within twenty yeers last past, raised for any Altar or Communion Table to stand upon, shall before the said day be laid down, and levelled as the same was before the said Twenty yeers last past; And that all Tapers, Candlestickes and Basons, shall before the said day be removed and taken away from the Communion Table in every such Church, Chappell, or other place of publick Prayer, and neither the same, nor any such like shall be used about the same at any time after the said day; And that all Crucifixes, Crosses, and all Images and Pictures of any one or more Persons of the Trinity, or of the Virgin *Mary*, and all other Images and

and Pictures of Saints, or superstitious Inscriptions in, or upon all and every the said Churches or Chappells or other places of publick Prayer, Church-yards, or other places to any the said Churches and Chappells, or other place of publick Prayer, belonging, or in any other open place, shal before the said first day of *November* be taken away and defaced, and none of the like hereafter permitted in any such Church or Chappell, or other places as aforesaid.

And be it further Ordain'd that all and every such removall of the said Altars, Tables of stone, Communion Tables, Tapers, Candlesticks and Basons, Crucifixes and Crosses, Images and Pictures as aforesaid, taking away of the said Rayles, levelling of the said grounds, shalbe done and performed, and the Walls, Windowes, Grounds, and other places, which shall be broken, impaired or altered by any the means aforesaid, shall be made up and repaired in good and sufficient manner, in all and every of the said Parish-churches or Chappells, or usuall places of publick Prayer belonging to any Parish, by the Churchwarden, or Churchwardens of every such Parish for the time being respectively, And in any Cathedrall or Collegiate church or chappell, by the Dean or Sub-Dean, or other chiefe Officer of every such church or chappell for the time being, And in the Universities, by the severall Heads and Governours of every Colledge or Hall respectively, And in the severall Innes of Court, by the *Benchers* and *Readers* of every of the same respectively, at the cost and charges of all and every such Person or persons, Body Politick or corporate, or parishioners of e-
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very parish respectively, to whom the charge of the
 repair of any such church, chappell, chancel, or place
 of publick Prayer, or other part of such church or
 chappell, or place of publick prayer doth, or shall be-
 long: and in case default be made in any of the Premis-
 ses by any of the person or persons thereunto appointed
 by this Ordinance from, and after the said first day of
November, which shall be in the year of our Lord God
 1643. That then every such person or persons so ma-
 king default, shall for every such neglect or default, by
 the space of Twenty dayes, forfeit and lose forty
 shillings to the use of the poore of the said Parish
 wherein such default shall be made, or if it be out of
 any parish, then to the use of the poore of such parish
 whose Church is or shall be neereſt to the Church or
 Chappell, or other place of publick prayer where ſuch
 default ſhall be made; and if default ſhall be made after the
 first day of *December*, which shall be in the said year
 1643. Then any one Justice of the Peace of the coun-
 ty, City, or town where such default shall be made, up-
 on information thereof to him to be given, shall cause
 or procure the premisses to be performed according to
 the Tenor of this Ordinance at the cost and charges of
 such person or persons, bodies politicke or corporate,
 or Inhabitants in every parish who are appointed by
 this Ordinance to bear the same.

Provided, that this Ordinance, or any thing therein
 contained, shall not extend to any Image, Picture, or
 coate of Armes in Glasse, Stone, or otherwise, in any
 Church, Chappell, Church-yard or place of publicke
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prayer as aforeſaid, ſet up or graven only for a Monument of any King, Prince, or Nobleman, or other dead perſon which hath not been commonly reſpected or taken for a Saint: But that all ſuch Images, Pictures and Coates of Armes may ſtand and continue in like manner and forme, as if this Ordinance had never been made.

H. Ellyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Die Lunæ, 28 Augusti, 1643.

Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament,
That this Ordinance bee forthwith
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